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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S APOLLO-SOYUZ MESSAGES; DOBRYNIN VISIT
TO HOUSTON; APOLLO-SOYUZ FUNCTIONS IN DEPARTMENT AND AT
CANAAVERAL

REFS: A) STATE 165701 B) STATE 162485 C) STATE 163930

D) STATE 160735

1. PRESIDENT'S PRE-LAUNCH MESSAGE TO BOTH CREWS (REF A)
MADE PUBLIC HERE.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL POUCH TO EMBASSY, ATTENTION SCICOUNSELOR
SIGNED ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS
TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV (REF B) FOR TRANSMITTAL TO
MFA AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SOYUZ FLIGHT (SCHEDULED
FOR JULY 21). IF ORIGINAL DOES NOT ARRIVE IN TIME FOR
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DELIVERY PROMPTLY AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SOYUZ
MISSION, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT TEXT TO SOVIETS,
ADDING THAT ORIGINAL WILL BE DELIVERED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN TEXT TRANS-

MITTED TO SOVIETS SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE RELEASE HERE
AND USE BY VOA. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER READS AS
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. GENERAL SECRETARY: I HAVE BEEN
FOLLOWING CLOSELY THE PROGRESS OF THE APOLLO AND SOYUZ
FLIGHTS. THE SUCCESSFUL LINKUP OF BOTH SPACESHIPS AND THE
SCIENTIFIC WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE CREWS DURING THE DOCKED
PORTION WERE THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF HARD WORK AND
COOPERATION BY DEDICATED PEOPLE IN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.
THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THEIR EFFORTS.

THIS FLIGHT HAS WRITTEN AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER IN THE
HISTORY OF MANNED SPACE EXPLORATION. IT IS PROOF THAT
COOPERATION IN SPACE, INVOLVING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBU-
TIONS OF MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY, IS NOT ONLY FEASIBLE BUT
DESIRABLE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOLLO
AND SOYUZ CREWS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS AND WILL RESULT
IN GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND BETTER
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT
THE APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT IS BUT THE FIRST STEP IN CONTIN-
UING US-SOVIET COOPERATION IN MANNED SPACE ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE CONVEY MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOUR
COLLEAGUES WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING THE FLIGHT A
SUCCESS, AND PARTICULARLY TO COLONEL LEONOV AND MR.
KUBASOV. THEIR PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND SKILL WERE OF THE
HIGHEST ORDER. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO
EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM PERSONALLY.

ONCE AGAIN, MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL
COMPLETION OF THE SOYUZ FLIGHT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
END TEXT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM MFA ASAP OF PRESIDENT'S
PLANS FOR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BOTH CREWS DURING
DOCKED PHASE OF MISSION (REF B). WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS
WILL TAKE PLACE.

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4. NASA INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON JULY 16 THAT AMBASSADOR
DOBRYNIN HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT HOUSTON MISSION
CONTROL CENTER AND WILL DO SO ON JULY 17 (REF C).

5. IN CONNECTION WITH APOLLO LAUNCH (REF D), AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. DOBRYNIN, MRS. VORONTSOV, AND SCICOUNSELOR GUBKIN
WITNESSED LAUNCH AT CANAVERAL ALONG WITH NUMBER OF OTHER
HIGH-RANKING US AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
SOVIET ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE CANCELLED OUT AT LAST
MOMENT, AND DID NOT GO TO CANAVERAL WITH OTHER FOREIGN
MILITARY ATTACHES. COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT AND ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN WERE RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT

OFFICIALS AT LAUNCH. DOBRYNIN SPOKE BRIEFLY AT NASA
SPONSORED CEREMONIES IN STATE DEPARTMENT AUDITORIUM MORNING
JULY 15 AT WHICH PRESIDENT, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AND
NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER SPOKE BEFORE SOYUZ LAUNCH.
DOBRYNIN ALSO HAD INTERVIEWS WITH TWO NETWORKS AFTER
CEREMONIES IN DEPARTMENT, AND THEN, AT FLETCHER'S INVITA-
TION, ADDRESSED KENNEDY SPACE CENTER OFFICIALS AND RAPIDLY
DIMINISHING CROWD OF VIEWERS AFTER SUCCESSFUL APOLLO
LAUNCH. KISSINGER

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